# **Prescription Drugs**







The Prescription Drug Program provides coverage for prescription drugs for you and your eligible dependents. You are automatically enrolled in the Prescription Drug Program when you enroll for **CIGNA Option 1 or the CIGNA** Indemnity medical plan.

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## The Prescription Drug Program...

### ...Allows You the Flexibility to Use a Network Pharmacy or Any **Pharmacy You Choose**

While benefits are higher when you use a network pharmacy, you can go to any pharmacy you choose and still receive prescription benefits.

### ...Offers a Convenient Home Delivery Option

The home delivery option, designed for maintenance drugs, provides up to a 90-day supply of a generic drug for a \$5 copayment (or a brand-name drug for a \$15 copayment) with no deductible required.



### What happens to your benefits when...

For more information about what happens to your prescription drug benefits when you have a qualifying life event, see the "About Your Benefits" section.

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#### **Customer Service**

Call Merck-Medco at 1-800-685-8869 if you have any questions about your prescription drug benefits. Customer service representatives are available between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Eastern time, Monday through Friday.







## **How the Prescription Drug Program Works**

Note: The CIGNA Plan Option 2 provides prescription drug coverage through the health plan. Please refer to the Summary of Benefits for CIGNA Option 2 in the Medical section for information regarding your prescription drug benefits.

You are automatically enrolled in this prescription drug program if you elect the CIGNA Point-of-Service Plan Option 1 or the CIGNA Indemnity Plan. The Prescription Drug Program is administered by Merck-Medco Managed Care, Inc. (Merck-Medco).

When you need to purchase prescription drugs, you have three options: you can go to a network pharmacy, go to any other pharmacy, or order through the mail. A \$100 individual annual deductible applies to all prescription drugs, except those purchased by mail.

### **Using a Network Pharmacy**

You may locate a network pharmacy by calling 1-800-685-8869. When you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy, you can get up to a 30-day supply of most prescription drugs for one payment.

After you meet the prescription drug deductible, you pay:

- 20% (minimum \$10 copay) for a generic drug
- 30% (minimum \$10 copay) for a brand-name drug.

If the actual cost of the drug is less than \$10, you pay the actual cost. To receive these rates, you must fill your prescription at a participating pharmacy using your Merck-Medco ID card. No claim form is required, and the prescription can be written by any physician.

# Using Any Other Pharmacy or Direct Claims From a Network Pharmacy

When you fill your prescription at a non-network pharmacy, or file a claim from a network pharmacy, you pay 50% of the cost (after the deductible) for up to a 30-day supply of most prescription drugs.

When you go to a non-network pharmacy, you pay the full cost of the prescription and then file a claim form to be reimbursed. Claims must be filed within two years from the date of service.

### The Network Advantage

This example shows how much you can save by using network pharmacies. It assumes that you have already met your \$100 deductible effective January 1, 2002 for the year and that you purchase a generic drug.

	If You Have Your Prescription Filled at a Network Pharmacy	If You Have Your Prescription Filled at a Non-Network Pharmacy
Cost of Prescription	\$80	\$80
Plan Pays	\$64	\$40
You Pay	\$16	\$40

### **Generic vs. Brand-Name Drugs**

A generic drug is a copy of a brand-name drug that is no longer protected by a patent. A generic generally serves the same purpose as the original drug; however, the generic drug's purchase price is less since the cost of research, development and marketing was paid by the original manufacturer.

If your physician authorizes the use of a generic drug and you choose to use the more expensive brand-name drug, you will pay 30% of the cost at a network pharmacy (or 50% of the cost at a non-network pharmacy) plus the difference in cost between the brand-name drug and the generic drug.

This applies to home delivery and retail pharmacy.



## How the Prescription Drug Program Works (cont'd.)

### Using the Home Delivery Drug Program

You can use the home delivery drug program to purchase up to a 90-day supply of maintenance drugs. This is a convenient way for you to save money if you need medication for a chronic or ongoing illness such as allergies, diabetes, or heart disease. The prescription drug deductible does not apply to home delivery drugs.

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or by:

Your doctor may be able to fax your prescription to Merck-Medco. To obtain information on how to fax a prescription, have your doctor call 1-888-327-9791.

#### You pay:

- \$5 for a generic drug
- \$15 for a brand-name drug.

### New Prescriptions can be ordered by:

You can order up to a 90-day supply for new prescriptions by completing an order form and mailing it along with your prescription to:

#### Refills can be ordered:

Merck-Medco Rx Services

Harrisburg, PA 17106-8385

P.O. Box 68385

#### On-Line

Order refills from Merck-Medco's website: www.merckmedco.com

or by:

#### Telephone

Call 1-800-473-3455 to use the automated refill system. Have your member ID number and your refill slip with the prescription information ready.

### **Exclusions**

- Non-federal legend drugs
- Contraceptive jellies, creams, foams, or devices
- Smoking deterrents
- Topical fluoride preparations
- Anorexients
- Amphetamines (except for those prescribed for Attention Deficit Disorder)
- Therapeutic devices or appliances
- Blood pressure monitors
- Drugs whose sole purpose is to promote or stimulate hair growth [(Rogaine, Propecia), or for cosmetic purposes only (Renova)].

### **Special Note: Allergy Serum**

Allergy serum is not reimbursed through the prescription drug program. It is covered as a medical expense under the Point-of-Service Plans and the Indemnity Plan.

### Administrative Information

Information about the administration of your prescription drug program and continuation of coverage under COBRA can be found in the section entitled "Administrative Information."